

JOHN NELSON writes, "I share the view about Holloway ½d and 1d line engraved perfins both being produced on the same perforator. I have the full 533/T.H on a 2½d plate 3 with the missing pin at the bottom of the "I". Roy is probably right about a multiple headed press, but the idea of laboriously taking pins out and replacing them every time they did ½d values is a bit much to accept. It is more likely that the ½d stamps were separated into horizontal strips and just run across the bottom half of the perforator."

Partial Perfins or New Dies

The article in Bulletin 268 Pg.10 about the 533/T.H reminded DAVID SCOTT of a near mistake which he made with a similar die. This was F.H on the ½d plate and at first glance it appeared to be a new die. However, looking through his 1d plates he saw the die F1790.01 (F.H/&C) of Furley, Hallett & Creery. The F.H letters were identical on both stamps and then it was that David noticed at the base of the ½d plate the top hole of the 'C' and the top of the ampersand. If the perfin on the ½d had happened to be one or two nun's lower, this definite confirmation that it was part of F.H/&C<sup>o</sup> would not have been possible. One could easily think one had found a new die. Anyone any similar experiences?

